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**TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS**

**FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING, Administrative Assistant, Terry Picha**

**UNIT NEWSLETTER:** It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about coming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Website as a PDF document.

### September 2004

- 11 Commander's Call for Unit CC's, Group CC's and Wing Staff; all Commander's and members are welcome, Wing HQ, Richmond**
- 3-6 Mission Aircrew Training
- 18 GSAR Competition, Urban DF Training Chopawamsic Backcountry, VA
- 24-30 Mission Aircrew Training
- 27 Deadline for Awards nomination to Wing Headquarters

#### **REPORTS DUE: (Required by NHQ &/or Wing CC)**

- 5** - Corp. Vehicle Daily Inspection Reports
- 10** - VA Wg A/C Utilization Reports due (Including Checks)
- Public Affairs Report

### October 2003

- 1 Begin FED/CAP FY04**
- 1 Increase CAP Dues
- 1 Mission Pilot Form 91 Check Rides
- 16 Wing SARCAP, Culpeper, VA
- 16 Squadron Leadership School, Group 1, Danville, VA
- 23-24 Chesterfield County Airport, Aviation Event, Public Welcome

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- 5** - Corp. Vehicle Daily Inspection Reports
- 10** - VA Wg A/C Utilization Reports due (Including Checks)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Safety Report
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Public Affairs Report and Monthly Report
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Aerospace Education Report
- FY 01 Finance Reports due to Wing Hqrts.

**1. WING COMMANDER (Acting) -** I am pleased to report to you that the new National Commander for the next three years will be Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless (effective 8-21) and the new National Vice Commander will become BGen Tony Pineda, the current commander of Southeast Region. You can look forward to seeing Maj Gen Wheless at our wing conference in November.

The following awards were received by VAWG at the Board Meeting

- A. Outstanding Achievement in Aerospace Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in MER
- B. MER Excellence in SAR Operations
- C. Sights on Safety, Second Place Nationally, came with a \$3000 award
- D. Our nomination for the Frank J. Brewer Award in the organizational category was The Wright Experience that did the re-creation of the Wright Brothers 1<sup>st</sup> flight at Kitty Hawk. I am pleased to announce that The Wright Experience was awarded the National Brewer Award. I hope to invite Mr. Ken Hyde to the wing conference to talk with the wing and to present this award to him.

Reminder to all unit and group commanders that there will be a commanders call on 9-11-04. All commanders are expected to attend, or send a representative. There are a lot of changes taking place that will affect your units and you need to be there.

A change to CAPR60-1 was approved at the National Board Meeting. It is effective immediately. Amongst other things, it changes the "hard deck" from 800 ft to 1000 ft AGL as the minimum altitude you can fly, except for take offs and landings and for a 1 time descent to 500 ft to obtain a closer look at a target. Please go to the National Web Site and download this change. In addition, there is a new Chapter 5 that covers glider operations.

Other regulations that were approved/changed at the national board meeting were CAPR 10-2, Change #2; CAPR 35-5; CAPR51-1 and CAPR 123-3.

We will be discussing plans for cadet orientation flying in FY 05 during commanders call. In a nutshell, NHQ does not have money to pay for O-Rides in the coming year. This means we will be back to the way it was done about 10 years ago. Be sure to attend commanders' call to see how this will affect your cadets.

VAWG has over 200+ hours per aircraft on our fleet in both FY 03 and FY 04. This means we stand a very good chance of receiving another C182 as we go into FY 05, but we may have to give up one of our current aircraft. The operations staff will keep you advised of changes to the fleet, but I want to say thank you to all of you for the job you do in flying our planes. Please keep up the good work and we will remain on the high probability list in the coming years.

VAWG has received an additional \$4000 in ES training funds, which we are using to conduct the Aircrew Training weeks in September. Please get your sortie requests into Lt. Col. Stover per the Ops Order so that we can use up our full allotment of training funds. As this is written, we have about \$ 6000 available through the end of the fiscal year.

The nominees for wing commander will be meeting with the region selection board on Saturday, September 25. The nominees are Lt. Col. Dave Carter, Lt. Col. Don Thomas, Lt. Col. Mike Lorenz and Lt. Col. Rick Moseley. All members of the wing are welcome to send their comments about any of the nominees directly to the region commander at [csglass@juno.com](mailto:csglass@juno.com). Please include your name, rank, unit name and a phone number where Col. Glass can contact you. All references to names will be deleted when the comments are sent to the selection board.

The Virginia Wing Conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Roanoke on Nov 5-7, 2004. The change of command ceremony for the new wing commander will be held during the general assembly on Saturday morning. Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless has confirmed that he will be in attendance. Please make your reservations as soon as possible so we can confirm our room requirements with the hotel.

Middle East Liaison Region (MELR) has advised us that all SAR EVAL will now include a requirement to demonstrate Satellite Digital Imaging System (SDIS) proficiency. Each group should make arrangements for the ground instruction prior to your SAR Exercises on how to use the equipment and then coordinate with VAWG operations to obtain an aircraft that is set up for SDIS to be sent to your exercise. Currently, N6429T is the closest aircraft with SDIS capability. It is based in Manassas and assigned to Middle East Region. Please contact Lt. Col. Warren Vest to arrange for the ground training on using the system.

Many of you may have seen the story in CAP News about the recruiting contest that took place during the months of April, May and June of this year. I am pleased to announce that Cadet Matthew Lovelace was one of the top 10 finishers in the cadet member category. Cadet Lovelace recruited four new members, which qualified him for fourth place in the national competition. As his reward, he will receive either a free uniform of his choice or \$200. Please join me in congratulating Cadet Lovelace on a job well done.

The Middle East Region Conference has been scheduled for 22-24 April 2005. It will be held in Richmond again this year. More information will be distributed as it is available. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

**2. CHIEF-of-STAFF** – There will be one Wing Wide Commanders call every quarter at which all wing staff, group commanders and unit commanders will be expected to attend. One of these meetings will be the Wing Conference. The Wing calendar has been amended to reflect these changes. Currently, Commanders Calls are scheduled for: September 11 and Nov 6 2004.

The position of Administrative Officer is open on Headquarters Staff. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Lt Col Rick Moseley at [cs.va@vawg.cap.gov](mailto:cs.va@vawg.cap.gov). This position is responsible for over seeing the day-to-day paperwork operations of the wing; directly responsible for the Virginia Wing Supplements and Forms. Lt Col Pat Kennedy currently holds the position, but due to time constraints must relinquish it. She will continue to be Director, Drug Demand Reduction.

We re sorry to announce the resignation of Lt Col Timothy J. Barker, Virginia Wing Vice Commander. Any concerns that may have been addressed to him may now be forwarded to Eric Litt, Director of Operations who will be helping Lt Col Moseley until a new Command Staff is in place.

**3. SAFETY - Sights on Safety** – It was recently reported that one of the outcomes of the 2004 National Conference was the awarding to the Virginia Wing second place in the annual competition that is part of the National Commander's "Sights on Safety" (SOS) program. The second place award is accompanied by a \$3,000 grant to the Wing.

The SOS program was begun two years ago by the recently-retired national commander, Major General Richard L. Bowling, as an innovative program, requiring innovative participation by all Wing commanders, in response to the alarming number and rate of CAP mishaps resulting in injury and death of CAP members. While there was to be no specific direction on how to accomplish the SOS objectives, the expectation was and continues to be that every Wing will find innovative ways to address matters of safety of CAP activities, and that each Wing will submit a report of those activities prior to the annual national conference. A committee then judges the submissions and awards a grant to what are judged to be the top three Wing submissions and to the top three squadron submissions, as well.

The submission we provided this year focused on a number of specific system safety processes, procedures and tools we have implemented during the past year. As you are aware, those have been largely in the framework of Operational Risk Management (ORM). During the coming year, we intend to enhance the systems safety approach beyond the ORM framework, per se, we have been emphasizing to more closely align with some interesting approaches being developed by the FAA and other safety-related organizations. We expect to provide more detail about that at the Wing conference.

Meanwhile, obviously we still have room to improve our SOS participation, at least in its presentation, since one Wing did better (although 50 did not)! We urge everyone to become familiar with the program; there is information in the safety section of the national Website. It is mandatory for Wing-level participation and optional for squadron participation. In any case, there are rewards, and certainly not all monetary, to be had by doing innovative things in the safety arena, at all levels, and spreading the word about them.

Finally, we want to express appreciation for all the support we have received in implementing some major change during the past year. There's much more to come, though, and continued and increasing support will be critical to our success.

**4. VIRGINIA WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held November 5 – 7 2004 at the Wyndham Roanoke Hotel in Roanoke Virginia. There is a conference committee this year working to make this a great weekend. The committee consists of Lt Col Marcia Cramer, Major Chris Whitehead, Capt Chuck Cranford, Capt Christina McCrainie, C/Col Stu Sibert and Lt. Terry Picha. Group 1 is hosting the conference this year and Major Ami Iacono will be our contact in the Roanoke area.

Some ideas we are working on are off site activities for cadets Saturday night, possible music and dancing after conference, spouse activity geared toward husband or wife. Also an area set up to make CAP picture ID cards! If you have ideas you would like addressed, please email them to [admin@vawg.cap.gov](mailto:admin@vawg.cap.gov) and they will be brought before the committee.

The Wyndham Roanoke is a beautiful hotel located close to interstates and the airport. The rooms will be double or kings and are bright and airy. The restaurant is reasonably priced and the food is good. The room rates are Single \$59.00 and Double \$79.00.

This year, the conference has been set up to pay for itself. In past years, the conference has set the Wing back quite a few dollars. With the financial burdens of increased airplane costs and reductions of monies from other sources, the Wing

can not absorb the extra costs. Saying this, the cost of the Full Conference is \$75.00, the Dinner Only category \$30.00 and Saturday only is \$45.00. Dinner will be a choice of Chicken Florentine; or Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef.

Registration forms went out on the Info list, Command list and the Staff list. It is also posted on the Wing Over Virginia Website. Please sign up NOW! Don't wait to register at the door or you may not be able to dine with us!

**5. WING NEWS** - The next time you are online at home, log in the National HQ. Pull up your personal record and check all the information. Don't forget to check your area code, phone number, home and email address. Wing Admin cannot change this information for you-you must do it yourself. The information in your record at National is used by the VAWG Paperless website. If it is not correct, you may be missing out.

A copy of the 2004-2005 CAPMart Catalog should be coming your way soon. Some were distributed at the National Board. To speed up distribution, they will also include a copy in every order placed either online or via telephone. Also, one will be in every unit's mail after September.

**6. ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL-** If you would like to nominate members of your unit for any awards or other recognition to be presented at the wing conference in November, we need to have your nominations at wing headquarters by **September 27, 2004**. Please put all request for awards on CAPF 120 and include 2-3 paragraphs (or more if needed) on what the person has done to merit the award. If you are nominating for Senior Member of the Year, please submit the member's qualifications to us in a letter.

For Cadet of the Year, please use CAPF 58. We also need to know who the cadet considers to be his/her mentor and why that person is important to them, so that we can make arrangements for the presentation of the Air Force Associations Torch Award.

For "position" Of the Year Awards, please submit your nominations on CAPF 120 and write in the staff position for which the member is being nominated. Please include a 2-3 paragraph description of what that person has done that merits them being named the best in that position within Virginia Wing. Position awards are open to all staff positions in your units, such as communicator, safety, cadet programs, finance, etc.

If you feel someone has worked on a specific project for the benefit of a unit, the group or the wing, please submit the request for decoration that you feel is appropriate and please send all requests through your appropriate unit and group commanders for their endorsement.

Group Commanders, we need each of you to nominate one unit in your group for squadron of the year and one commander for commander of the year. Please write the squadron of the year application as if you are putting that unit in for a unit citation award (CAPF120), because we may well do that. This award is not to be confused with the Squadron of Merit Award, which is awarded by NHQ and is based on parameters that they watch for in the computer systems.

Also, if you feel strongly about specific awards requests made by your unit commanders, please attach an endorsing letter to the request when you send to wing.

Currently dues for membership in Civil Air Patrol are Senior Member \$49; Cadet \$39; for Renewal SM \$39 and Cadet \$23. The National Board passed a **dues increase of \$5.00** per year for all categories of dues-paying membership. The change will be effective beginning 1 October 2004. Please make your Administrative officers aware of this change.

**7. CADET PROGRAMS** - Cadet Uniforms: The return rate to the Army-Air Force Exchange Service is down from this time last year, but still remains a problem. Uniforms are returned because of incorrect addresses. Last year, a total of 193 uniforms were returned to AAFES. To date, 120 uniforms have been returned at a cost of approximately \$15 per uniform -- a total cost of \$1,800 or 31 uniforms. The current rate would result in a loss of purchasing power for 41 uniforms this year. Please help by validating "ship to" addresses with parents/cadets. Incomplete cadet uniform vouchers are at an all-time high. To date, we have received more than 2,000 incomplete vouchers compared to 245 for the entire year in 2003. A thorough review of the voucher prior to submission would greatly improve the order/receipt process for our cadets.

**8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE-** The PAO report is not a quarterly report; it is **monthly** and due on the 10th of each month. **It does not go on the quarterly report form.** There should be NO negative reports. All squadrons have some kind of events going on, even if it is just a meeting. Please send copies of published articles to Linda Utting at Wing HQ.

The Wings Over Virginia website has links to the National HQ web site and it is possible to get a copy of the "Present Tense" as well as recruiting brochures and information.

Civil Air Patrol has the wonderful opportunity to have a display table at Career Day at the Jet Center at the Richmond Airport. They have had a lot of inquiry into the CAP from the high school pupils. A display table is needed with Civil Air Patrol information. Volunteers are needed to man this display. The request came from George Ream, Safety Program Manager, Richmond FSDO, who is in charge of this event. If you are able to help please let me know and also please get in touch with Gladys Merle, office (804) 222-7494 ex. 224. This is an excellent recruiting event as well as wonderful exposure for Civil Air Patrol. Please help if you can.

**9. DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION** – All Units are invited to check out the new National Drug Demand Reduction Forum run by the Middle East Region. They are located at <http://capddr.proboards32.com>.

**10. COUNTER DRUG** – The next schedule counter drug online orientation and refresher-training courses will be available from 1 September to 31 October. Please make sure to take advantage of this training. Anyone wishing to become involved in the CD program or who needs to be re-screened should submit a CAP Form 83 to HQ CAP/LMMC (through channels of course) as soon as possible so they will have access to the courses. For more information, contact our Brad Docos at [bdaarch@erols.com](mailto:bdaarch@erols.com).

**Grand Slam-Anther Successful Year** For the eighth year Virginia Wing has participated in the annual Cannabis Eradication program known as Grand Slam in the Fourth Division of the Virginia State Police in southwestern Virginia. Twelve senior members from Virginia Wing and our Region Commander provided their services for the two week mission. We performed radio communication relays for the law enforcement ground teams via “high bird” aircraft. We utilized four Wing aircraft and flew approximately 140 flight hours. In addition three CAP vehicles were available to support the mission and an estimated 800 miles were added to these vehicles.

It was another successful year for the MARJ ERAD teams. The statewide program, known as GIANT, is sponsored by the governor and is conducted in every county in the Commonwealth. According to the Virginia State Police the preliminary stats for the efforts in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division include (5) arrests, 78 plots found, 2,084 plants taken, sixteen weapons and \$2,600.00 in cash were seized. These numbers are preliminary due to ongoing investigations which may net additional arrests and property seized. The overall count of plants taken on an annual basis is approximately 11,000 to 14,000, statewide.

The Virginia State Police and local law enforcement team members as well as the Virginia National Guard helicopter crews appreciated CAP’s efforts during this mission and have indicated so on numerous occasions. Our value to them comes from our ability to pass radio traffic between ground and air team members when the rugged terrain prevents point to point communications. We also provide the helicopter crews with real time weather alerts as the inevitable thunderstorms descend upon this region in the afternoons.

The CAP members that participate each year are exposed to several new flying experiences. We operate (3) two person air crew teams consisting of an IFR rated pilot and radio operator. A typical sortie consists of a 2.5 to 3.3 hour round robin and initiates from the base airport to an aerial duty station and back to the base airport. The typical time on station is around 2.0 hours and you fly a defined track of 20 to 30 mile legs at 10,000 to 12,000 feet. What is unique about this type of sortie is experiencing various weather changes over a specific location throughout an entire day. You begin to understand how the weather changes during the day and how terrain effects the weather development. You hone your IFR flying skills since most of the sorties are in IFR conditions as you climb to station and return back to the base. You begin to plan ahead for descents since you must descend as much as 6,500 feet in as little as 20 miles. Since we exchange aircraft on the duty station simultaneously, you learn to coordinate “highbird” handoffs between ATC and your relief aircraft. If you do it correctly, you pass your relief aircraft, (at the appropriate FAR separation distance), close enough to see each other. One additional experience is the level of crew resource management that occurs on these flights. Having two experienced crew members that are both comfortable with the aircraft and the mission requirements, makes the flight safer and less stressful; A good combination.

This year, as in the past, it was a struggle to find twelve qualified members who can devote the time, (an entire week), to support this mission. Virginia Wing does not have a high demand for counter drug support missions, but when we do we need the qualified and current members who are ready and available to devote the time. We currently have 59 qualified CD members in Virginia Wing. If you are interested and meet the qualifications, please contact me.

**11. EMERGENCY SERVICES** – The Middle East Region has announced that they have cancelled the Mountain Flying Clinic scheduled for October 2004. There has been no announcement of any rescheduling for a later date.

The Wing has received some end of year funds from MER and from National Headquarters and will likely be able to conduct two mission aircrew training events during September. Aircrews are reminded to conduct ground training and planning for the aircrew prior to each sortie. Consult published OPORDS for details. The first OPORD has been issued. The

second OPORD will be released after the first exercise is complete. Ground teams are encouraged to participate with aircrews to train on appropriate tasks.

Group 3 will host a Wing-wide SARCAP at Culpeper on 16 October. All corporate aircraft are expected to be at the SARCAP. Expect an OPORD to be distributed by 10 September. The version distributed over the Wing list server contains only the basic order (due to document length restrictions on the server). A complete order will be distributed to the chain of command. There will be a separate ground training exercise conducted at Whitney State Park, a few miles north of Culpeper Airport.

As of 31 August, the "old" CAP Forms 101T used to record task completion toward emergency services ratings are no longer valid. The "new" form is called an SQTR. They are found in the back of the task guides on the National Headquarters web site under the NESA directory. You will need to download the complete task guide, but the SQTRs are only one or two pages each.

During the Wing Conference this year, there will probably be two offerings in Emergency Services. The first is a general ES presentation intended as an information briefing for anyone who is interested in the status and plans for Emergency Services for the next year. The second is a seminar tailored for squadron or ES Officers. It will contain information on how to manage your unit's program, what you should be doing and some guidelines on techniques for implementation. There should be plenty of time for questions at the end of the briefing.

There have been numerous questions regarding MIMS recently. To update everyone, we have requested assistance from National Headquarters in completing a bulk upload of our ES database. Although we do not have a completion date, we have been assured that this is in the final stages. The transition to MIMS should reduce most of the paper work associated with Emergency Services specialty rating applications and renewal. Expect a series of procedural changes, hopefully making things easier, in the near future. Meanwhile, continue to send your initial and renewal applications directly to the Wing Licensing Officer for processing. Be sure to include a SASE so he can mail your new 101 card directly to you.

There have been a few instances recently when there have been conflicts between the Wing Calendar, the Wing Bulletin and published OPOARDS. In order to clarify, the Director of Emergency Services (DOS) posts Emergency Services events on the Wing Calendar. If questions arise on any ES events, please contact the DOS using the e-mail address provided on the event's description. The calendar is published for planning purposes and usually does not change for short-term events. OPOARDS for Emergency Services events are coordinated, detailed orders. The contents of the order are directive in nature. Questions on the order should again be directed to the DOS. The Wing Bulletin is published at Wing HQ and may contain information not vetted by the DOS.

**12. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** – Group I and Danville Composite Squadron will host SLS on October 16 and 17. To attend, you must have a current CAP membership card, have passed Level I, have an assigned specialty track and have a completed CAPF 17 sent to Group I HQ. A fee of \$15 is being charged to offset classroom and student materials. Coffee and donuts as well as a grilled lunch will be provided by the Danville Composite Squadron as a fund raiser for the unit. Reduced motel fees have been negotiated for our out of area students and there will be an overnight campout at the Danville squadron for anyone wishing to stay and camp at the hangar. There is ample space for cars, truck, campers or aircraft. If you wish to camp, please let Lt. Col. Jackson know so he can arrange you a space in the long term parking lot with A/C and water. Contact info for SLS: Lt. Col. Gene Jackson @ [eugene.jackson@us.army.mil](mailto:eugene.jackson@us.army.mil) or [gjackson@gamewood.net](mailto:gjackson@gamewood.net). The Saturday night activities include night land navigation, night UDF training and other ES Ground training activities.

**13. AEROSPACE EDUCATION** - I guess the big news this month is that the nomination we submitted for the 2004 Brewer Organizational Award was given to Ken Hyde and the Wright Experience Team. We are hoping to have him attend the Wing Conference in November since he wasn't able to attend the recent National Board meeting in Tampa.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter AE Activity Reports were due to me by 10 July 2004. We still have a few units that have not submitted them. I will continue to contact Group and Squadron Commanders to see what we can do to get them submitted.

Coming up at the end of the month is the Virginia State Fair in Richmond 23 September through 3 October 2004. We need cadets and seniors to man the Wing CAP recruiting booth which will be sited with the Virginia Museum of Science Exhibit. Those units picking a day when they can attend will receive free passes and a parking space which is pretty expensive if you are attending the Fair on your own. Well worth it for spending a few hours at the booth and meeting with the public from all over the Virginia Commonwealth.



As I mentioned last month the Chesterfield County Airport in the Richmond area is holding a two day Aviation Event 23-24 October 2004. One of the areas asking for help is the Space Travel Exhibit. We will need to 3-4 cadets for each shift during the weekend. The Southside Squadron can't provide all the support to the aviation event which involves parking assistance as well as other support and will need help from other Squadrons in and out of the Richmond area.

These are excellent recruiting opportunities for both Seniors and Cadets. Any units that can help out with this event please contact me as soon as possible.

We are gearing up for the Wing Conference to be held in November. Please let me know what you may want in the AE break-out session. Should it focus on training or learning how to do some type of AE activity? Please let me or Major Bert Jones, the Wing Internal AEO know.

A member of the Wing AE Staff would like to pay a visit to your unit this year. This may be conjunction with a Unit Inspection or as a Staff Assistance Visit. Please let Major Bert Jones or myself know when we can schedule something. We will probably need at least a month's notice. Lt Col David C. Scull, VAWG DAE, 7897 Wellington Drive, Warrenton, VA 21086, Ph: 540 349-9310, E-mail: [kd4sv@arrl.net](mailto:kd4sv@arrl.net). Major Albert L. Jones, VAWG Asst. Director for Internal AE, 370 Westview Lane, Heathsville, VA 22743 Ph: 804 580-5120, E-Mail: [uptheriver@rivnet.net](mailto:uptheriver@rivnet.net).

SM Ruth Buslinger was recently appointed as AEO for the Danville Squadron. Congratulations!

**14. HEALTH SERVICES** – The American Cancer Society will be holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Richmond on Sunday, October 17, 2004. If you would like to volunteer or make the walk, call Latisha Rothenbach at (804) 527-3729.

## Newsbreak

**Holston Valley Composite Squadron** - The month of August saw the addition of two new members to our squadron please join us in welcoming C/AB Skyler Fleenor and his father Michael Fleenor who has joined us as a Cadet Sponser Member.

Promotions for the month were John K. Witcher to the grade of C/SMSgt, and Charles Marsh to the grade of C/SMSgt.

Christopher A. Dea was presented the Wright Brothers Award number 1904 and promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant..

TFO Justin Adkinson attending CAP National Boards in Tampa Florida to assist with the Drug Demand Reduction Program. The squadron also received its fourth Aerospace Excellence Program Award thanks to the efforts of the Squadron AEO 1st Lt. Francis C. Tate Jr.

**Langley Composite Squadron** - Cadets promoted to the listed rank were: C/SrA Brian Monson; C/A1C Sam Carrigan and C/AMN Darren Watkins. Cadet Darren Watkins completed a Red Cross Disaster Class. On 10 Aug the 4 AFA sponsored solo cadets from Langley; along with the 4 cadets from Newport News; were presented their solo certificates at the AFA luncheon. The four Langley cadets were: Christopher Gates; Alexander Hudson; James Osborne and Lucas Smith.

On 14 Aug, Lt Col Monica Richardson and 1 Lt Dean Flavell (both Red Cross instructors), conducted a CPR/First Aid class at the Sq. Sponsor member Catherine Enock and Cadet Lucas Smith were recertified in Adult CPR. Cadets Zack Ryan and Bradley Dotson completed the course and are now certified in Adult CPR and First Aid. Three members of the Tidewater Sq also completed the course. These members are: SM Monica Clark and cadets Michal Winn and Owen Holmes.

**Roanoke Composite Squadron** – In July, Roanoke squadron went to Winchester for glider rides. Due to a mishap with the Plexiglas canopy, only tow cadets received glider rides; Cadet Bennett and Dunn.

The following cadets successfully completed this summer's encampment: Kasey Bailey, Chris Bennett, Paul Connell, Hunter Guilliams, Bonnie Lawrie, Dominique Litchford, Katrina Litchfor, Melissa Magolda, Stephen Williams and John Woodard.

Justin Boitnott and Robert Chenault attended the North Carolina Wing Encampment.

Lt's Jon Powers, Phil Argaright and Barry Boyd participated in the VAWG SAR Eval.

The following cadets were promoted to their present grades: C/SSgt Chris Bennett and Joshua Streithof; C/TSgt Justin Boitnott and Hunter Guilliams, C/A2C Nikolas Wilder, C/SMSgt Stephen Williams.

**Tidewater Composite Squadron** - On August 14, 2004, Cadet Owen Holmes, Cadet Michael Winn, and 2nd Lt. Monica Clark attended the American Red Cross Adult CPR/First Aid class that was held at Langley Composite Squadron, Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va. Even though Hurricane Charley was fast approaching, the rain and the flooding did not

interfere with them from passing this class. Due to the weather, the Blood Borne Pathogens' class will be taught at a later date.

On August 17 Maj David Balthazor of Tidewater Composite Squadron, who is a Coast Guard Helicopter Test Pilot, treated squadron members to a tour of a Coast Guard Search & Rescue Helicopter.

The HH-65B that visited was a recently overhaul aircraft that was on its final flight prior to being delivered to the Coast Guards Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL. In addition to Search and Rescue, it will be used to training US Coast Guard pilots and to support Arctic and Antarctic science missions as part of the Coast Guard's Ice Breaker fleet.

Major Balthazor and crew flew in from the US Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center, Elizabeth City, NC.(ARSC). ARSC provides US Coast Guard Air Stations (SAR Units) with depot (overhaul) level maintenance, engineering, supply and information services to support world-wide Coast Guard missions. Squadron members had the opportunity to sit in the aircraft and ask the crew questions.

C/MSgt Alex Lyle is the new Cadet First Sergeant. The outgoing Cadet First Sergeant is C/MSgt Nathan Luckado. Cadet MSgt Nathan Luckado, C/MSgt Alex & Kurtis Lyle all attended the VA Wing 2004 Encampment (and survived!) C/2Lt. Michael Winn has earned his solo wings. He also attended and graduated from Cadet Officer School.

Our newest cadets are: C/Airman Lamar Johnson and Eddy Sanders; C/Basic Jordan Lawhon and Lindsey Sawyer.

Several Members of Tidewater Composite Squadron recently received promotions to the rank indicated: C/MSgt Nathan Luckado, C/MSgt Alex Lyle, C/MSgt Kurtis Lyle; CAirmen Alicia Clark, AJ Respass and Eddy Sanders.

Senior promotions are Capt William Alcocer and Scott Avery; 1Lt Chelle Anderson, and 2Lt's Jamie Avery, Monica Clark and William Welsh.

Congratulations one and all!